Vacancies in the CGHS Ayurvedic Dispensary, Sector XII, R.K. Puram

225. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3275 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 1997 and state:

(a) the details of the medical and administrative posts lying vacant at present in the CGHS Ayurvedic Dispensary, Sector-XII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi since December, 1996;

(b) the reasons for the vacancies lying vacant till now; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to provide full staff strength to the said dispensary immediately and to stop any further transfer/posting on temporary duties of doctors and staff from there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) There is only one post of Ayurvedic Physician which is lying vacant since Dr. (Mrs.) D. Katoch, Ayurvedic Physician retired on 30.11.1996.

(b) and (c) Recuritment is made through UPSC and the requisition for filling up of the post has been placed. As soon as the UPSC's recommendation is received, further necessary action to till up the post will be taken.

CGHS doctors are sometimes given temporary duties in other dispensaries/ units keeping in view the administrative exigencies.

Population growth in the country

226. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reviewed the trends in growth of population in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof as per standard norms of assessment; State-wise;

(c) the details of action taken to curb abnormal population growth through effective implementation of programmes in States with poor record of performance; and

(d) the details of special action plan formulated for the populous States like U.P., M.P., Bihar and Rajasthan for 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Reviewing the trend of population growth is a continuous process. A statement giving State-wise annual growth rate of population for the years 1994, 1995 & 1996 based on Sample Registration System (SRS) is given below.

(c) Various measures have been taken for all the States under Family Welfare Programme: (i) Introduction of Target Free Approach (TFA) from 1st April, 1996 giving up method - specific target and laying emphasis on quality of care and clients satisfaction, (ii) The Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) programme launched in October, 1997, (iii) Performance of those States being regularly reviewed.

(d) In Uttar Pradesh the project called Innovations in Family Planning Services (IFPS) has been taken up from 1992 under USAID. The objective of this project is to bring down the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) from 5.4 to 4. at the end of the project of 10 years and to increase the Couple Protection Rate (CPR) from 35% to 50% at the end of the project period. Various externally assisted projects are under implementation in these 4 States, e.g., IPP VI (from 1990 to 1997), IPP VII etc. under World Bank, project under UNFPA and so on.